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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

### **The Detroit News: Michigan prosecutors lose again in perfume theft case**

"The Michigan Supreme Court says a lower court made the right call in overturning the conviction of a woman accused of stealing a bottle of perfume at a Southfield store. A jury convicted Chandra Smith-Anthony of larceny from a person. That person in the jury's view was a Macy's detective who caught her at the store in 2010."

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**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Michigan prosecutors lose again in perfume theft case**

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### **Associated Press: Mich. prosecutors lose again in perfume theft case**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Alpena News, the Daily Press/Esanaba, the Daily News/Iron Mountain, and the Daily Mining Gazette/Houghton.

### **The Macomb Daily: Macomb prosecutors win Supreme Court ruling in Fraser sexual assault case**

"... The [Michigan Supreme Court] announced late Tuesday afternoon that it voted 6-1 to reverse the state Court of Appeals in ruling that the girl's preliminary examination testimony can be used against Stanley Duncan, 66, as well as his wife, Vita Duncan, 63, who is accused of failing to report alleged sexual assaults by her husband."

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.

### **Detroit Free Press: Detroit's pension funds' lawsuits moved to federal court**

"... U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes, who is overseeing the bankruptcy case, has said the pension issue will be decided in federal, not state, court. And he ordered that the retirees' state lawsuits be stayed. The Michigan Court of Appeals also granted a stay of [Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie] Aquilina's ruling."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Court: Cooley Law grads can't sue over tuition, jobs**

"Today's lesson: Are graduates of the largest Michigan law school entitled to a tuition refund if they don't find satisfactory jobs? Not according to a federal appeals court. The court ruled Tuesday in a case involving a dozen unhappy graduates from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, which has campuses across Michigan and in Tampa, Fla."

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**Also see:**

### **Grand Rapids Press: Court drops lawsuit claiming Cooley Law School 'misrepresented' salary, job placement figures**

[Full story](#)

### **Lansing State Journal: Cooley law grads lose appeal over tuition, jobs**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Crain's Detroit Business, the Morning Sun and the Traverse City Record-Eagle.

## **SBM Blog: 6th Circuit Spikes Cooley Grads' Suit Against Their Law School, But Their Attorney Declares A Victory**

[Full story](#)

## **The Detroit News: Wayne County OK'd a fraction of jail project changes, records show**

"Wayne County officials released records Tuesday showing they approved only \$1.6 million in change orders to a jail project whose costs soared so dramatically that work stopped last month.... The 11 change orders represent about 3 percent of the \$47 million extra in projected construction costs. The facility was budgeted at \$300 million."

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**Also see:**

## **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Wayne County Jail records show \$1.6 million in increases on construction costs**

[Full story](#)

## **The Daily Tribune: Washington Township mansion to remain standing under deal**

"Two Washington Township neighbors have settled a long legal dispute that will allow a mansion to remain standing despite being built too close to its neighbor.... Attorneys for the homeowners, Simon and Saca Palushaj, and their neighbor, Aileen Thom, adjourned a hearing Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.**

**Also see:**

## **The Morning Sun: Deal lets Macomb Co. mansion stay, with payment**

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## **Lansing State Journal: Former Lansing councilman, attorney Mark Canady sentenced in embezzlement case**

"Mark Canady, a former attorney and onetime Lansing city councilman, was sentenced today to eight months in jail for embezzlement involving a young boy's inheritance. Canady was also sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to pay more than \$53,000 in restitution to the boy."

[Full story](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

**Also see:**

## **The MiLW Blog: Disbarred Lansing lawyer sentenced for embezzlement**

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## **The MiLW Blog: Obituary: Judge Wendell A. Miles**

"Judge Wendell A. Miles, former judge of the U. S District Court for the Western District of Michigan died July 30. He was 97 years old.... He was an Ottawa County Circuit Judge for 14 years until his nomination by President Nixon to the federal court in 1974. He served as Chief Judge from 1980 to 1986. He retired from the federal bench in 2008."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **SBM Blog: In Memoriam: Hon. Wendell A. Miles**

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### **MLive.com: UAW to begin contract negotiations on behalf of Michigan state employees**

"A labor union representing 17,000 state of Michigan workers is kicking off contract negotiations. United Auto Workers Local 6000's contract with the state expires on Dec. 31.... The Michigan Supreme Court this month denied Gov. Rick Snyder's request for an advisory opinion on the [right-to-work] issue. Lawsuits on the case remain in lower courts."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Oakland Mediation Center provides mediator training opportunities this fall**

"People face conflict every single day of their life. Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) offers 40-Hour Domestic and Civil Mediator Trainings as well as Advanced Mediator Training to any individual who wishes to learn and enhance their skills to help others workout their disputes."

[Full story](#)

### **The Sentinel-Standard/Ionia: Shellenbarger re-sentenced on 2010 armed robbery**

"David Shellenbarger Jr. will continue to serve the 264-month prison term he was sentenced to in January 2012, despite a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling that mandated a change to one of the offense variables used to calculate his sentence. The appeals court affirmed his conviction, but vacated his sentence and required re-sentencing by the Ionia County 8th Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Grand Traverse County jail population on uptick**

"Officials want to reduce inmate numbers in the Grand Traverse County jail before a population surge stretches the facility beyond its state-approved capacity.... Judges may authorize early releases of inmates if the jail becomes overcrowded."

[Full story](#)

### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Editorial: Foster kids need a hand**

"... On Tuesday, as part of Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan's 24th annual Brown Bag Campaign, bags were inserted into copies of the Record-Eagle that can be used to mail a donation to the private nonprofit foster care group. Last year's fundraiser netted roughly \$34,000."

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